

Remarks

Claims 1-17 are currently pending in the Application.

35 U.S.C. §102(b) Rejection

Claims 1-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Pereira (U.S. Patent No. 5,809,230). Applicant respectfully disagrees. Applicant submits that the Examiner has not shown that Pereira teaches each and every element as set forth in the rejected claims. In particular:

Claim 1

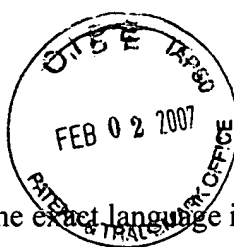
Applicant submits that the Examiner has not shown that Pereira discloses, suggests or teaches, *inter alia*, the following features recited by Claim 1 of the present application:

“means for representing to a user a plurality of components of a computer platform; means for **representing to the user interactions among the plurality of components**” (emphasis added)

The Examiner seems to assert that “a plurality of components of a computer platform” as recited in Claim 1 are disclosed by Pereira’s “program components” (p. 2, section 2, ll. 5-6). Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner’s assertion.

According to Pereira, Pereira’s method is preferably implemented with three program components (column 4, ll. 32-33), wherein one program component maintains a memory map for the address space for which a user is authorized, a second program component monitors all DOS or Windows file management access calls and verifies whether the user is authorized to access a file, directory, drive, or port, and a third program component monitors all BIOS functions and verifies whether the requested access is authorized.

The Examiner relies on column 3, lines 25-52 of Pereira to assert that “representing to the user interactions among the plurality of components” as recited in Claim 1 is disclosed by Pereira. However, the cited section of Pereira does not in fact disclose “representing to the user interactions” among these three program components, and the Examiner has



made no effort in identifying the exact language in Pereira that allegedly discloses this limitation.

If the Examiner is relying on facts within his personal knowledge, Applicant respectfully requests under 37 C.F.R. § 1.104(d)(2) that the Examiner provide an Affidavit supporting the Examiner's assertion that Pereira is able to represent "to the user interactions" among these three program components. Otherwise, Applicant respectfully requests that the assertion be withdrawn as it is based on an incorrect interpretation of the prior art.

Applicant's position that Pereira does not disclose "representing to the user interactions" as recited in Claim 1 among these three program components is further supported by Pereira's Figures 2-7, reproduced below.

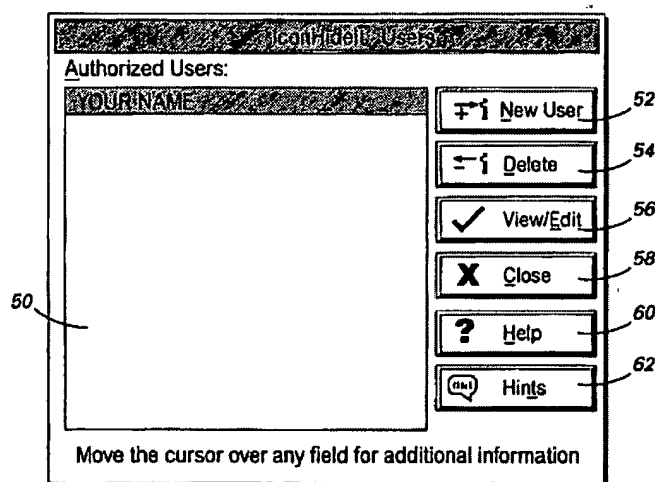


FIG. 2

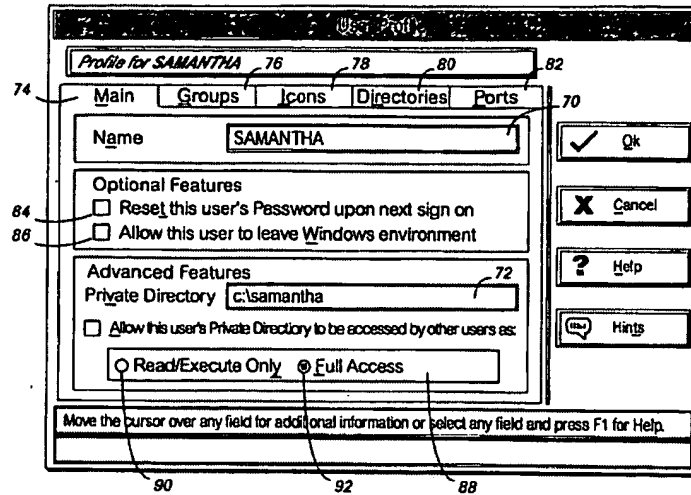


FIG. 3

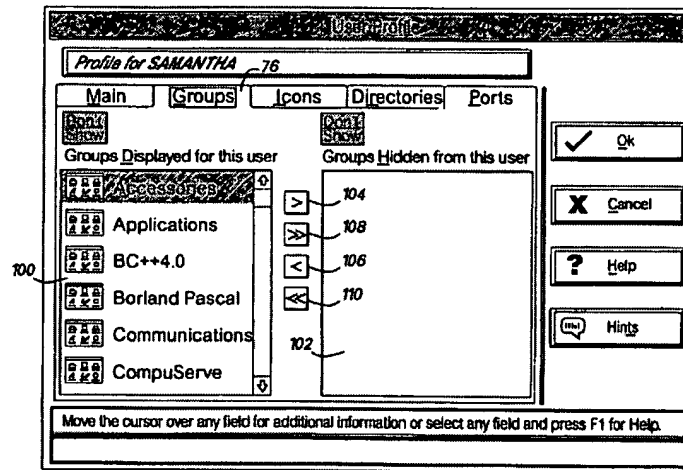


FIG. 4

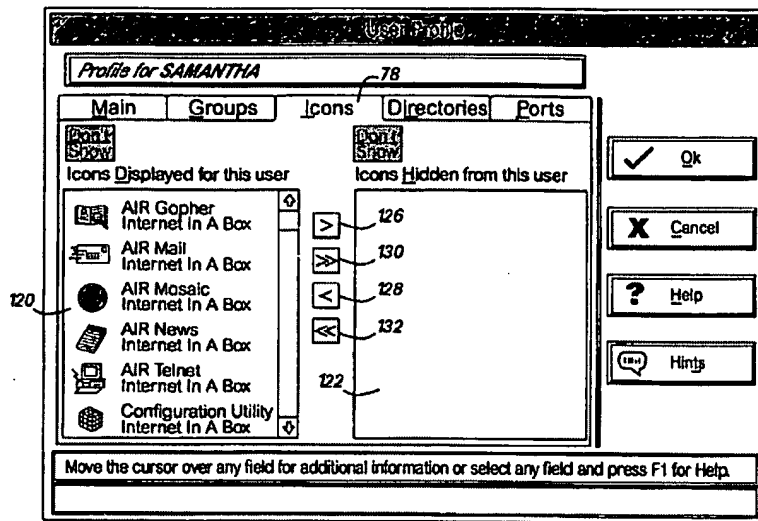


FIG. 5

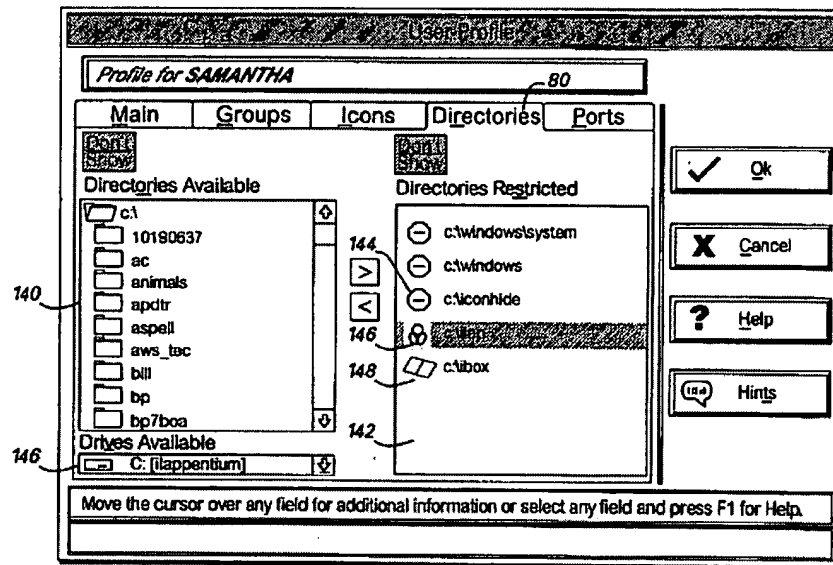
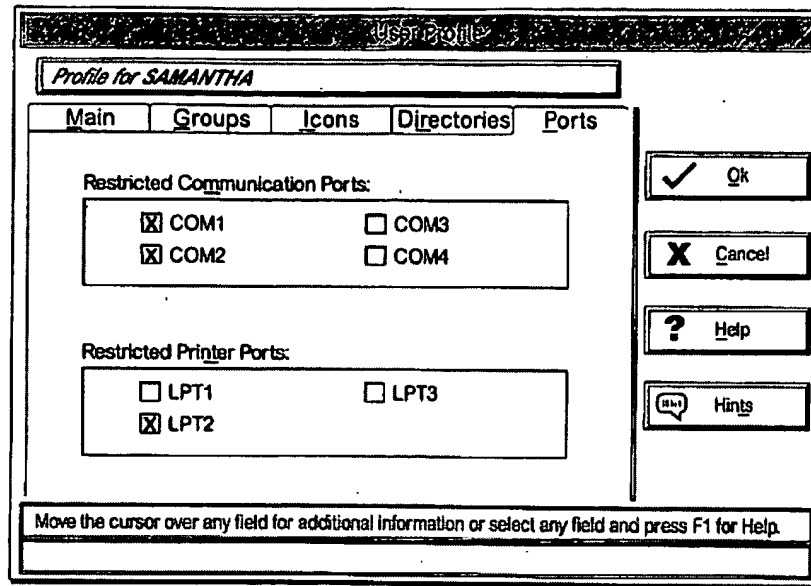


FIG. 6

**FIG.7**

As can be seen in Pereira's Figures 2-7 reproduced above, the display boxes are passive because they require the Primary User's input to change the settings in the display boxes and do not show any interactions among the three program components disclosed by Pereira.

Applicant thus submits that Pereira does not teach, disclose or suggest "means for representing to the user interactions among the plurality of components" (emphasis added) as recited in Claim 1, because Pereira does not show interactions among its three program components. Hence, Claim 1 is patentable over Pereira and should be allowed by the Examiner. Claims 2-5, at least based on their dependency on Claim 1, are also patentable over Pereira and should be allowed.

Claim 6

Applicant submits that, at least for the reasons stated above for Claim 1, Pereira does not teach, disclose or suggest "representing to the user interactions among the plurality of components" as recited in Claim 6. Hence, Claim 6 is patentable over Pereira and should be allowed. Claims 7-9, at least based on their dependency on Claim 6, are also

patentable over Pereira and should be allowed.

Claim 10

Applicant submits that, at least for the reasons stated above for Claim 1, Pereira does not teach, disclose or suggest “represent to the user interactions among the plurality of computer components” as recited in Claim 10. Hence, Claim 10 is patentable over Pereira and should be allowed. Claims 11-13, at least based on their dependency on Claim 10, are also patentable over Pereira and should be allowed.

Claim 14

Applicant submits that, at least for the reasons stated above for Claim 1, Pereira does not teach, disclose or suggest “depicting interactions among the plurality of computer components” as recited in Claim 14. Hence, Claim 14 is patentable over Pereira and should be allowed. Claims 15-17, at least based on their dependency on Claim 14, are also patentable over Pereira and should be allowed.

Conclusion

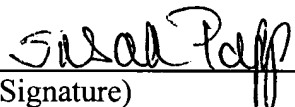
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of all the claims are respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit overpayment to deposit account no. 08-2025. In particular, if this response is not timely filed, then the Commissioner is authorized to treat this response as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 (a) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this response timely filed and the petition fee due in connection therewith may be charged to deposit account no. 08-2025.

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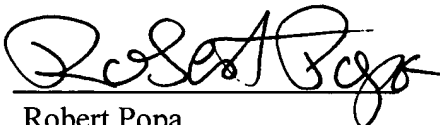
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